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Ex-CIA
Boss Isn't

Rattled

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NORFOLK —

Fidel Castro's
rocket-rattling threats against
U.S. reconnaissance flights over
Cuba don't seem to pose a se-
rious challenge, Allen W. Dulles
said here Friday.

"We may have borrowed a lit-
tle trouble we didn't need to bor-
row" by announcing U.S. inten-
tions to continue the flights, the
former Central Intelligence Agen-
cy director told a press confer-
ence.

But he said he doesn't think
Castro's threat to stop the flights
will seriously affect U.S. policy
on Cuba.

Dulles was in Norfolk as main
speaker for the annual Law Day
observance of the Virginia State
Bar Association.

He told interviewers at Norfolk
Municipal Airport, and later re-
peated to his evening audience,
that he thinks Castro might
shoot at U.S. reconnaissance
planes but miss them on pur-
pose.

"I don't think he wants to get
into any more trouble," Dulles
said, "and yet he doesn't want
to admit it's alright for us to
fly over his territory. He can
get out of that by missing a little
bit."

"I'm inclined to think we'd
have done just as well if we
hadn't advertised" the spy
flights, the 71-year old Dulles
said. "That goes against the
grain of an intelligence man."

Dulles was a member of CIA
for 10 years, including 8 years
as director.

He was asked how the spy
flights can be justified under in-
ternational law.

"How can you justify any es-
pionage?" he answered. And lat-
ter, in his Law Day talk in the
Center Theater, he said it's
"self-defeating" to rely on the
rule of law as the sole guide-
line in dealings with Communist
nations.

"Such a stand is no more
sensible than it is to say that in
boxing it would be a fair con-
test if one contestant were bound
by the Marquis of Queensberry
rules and the other by no rules
at all," he said.

Dulles told the press confer-

once that a new invasion of Cuba
by Cuban exiles is "unlikely,"
since the situation has changed
greatly since the abortive Bay
of Pigs landing in April 1961.

Even then, Dulles said, "time
was running out." Russian MIG
aircraft already were in Cuba
during the Bay of Pigs invasion,
he said, but they were crated.

Now they're no longer crated,
and Cuba is too well armed, he
said.

Dulles was CIA director dur-
ing the Bay of Pigs invasion,
and was intimately involved with
the operation that Castro
crushed.

He would not comment on what
went wrong.

"President Kennedy assumed
responsibility for what was
done" and asked everyone else
involved to reserve comment,
Dulles said. "I've respected that
so far."

Dulles said he doubts Russia
will leave any nuclear weapons

under Cuban control when So-
viet troops pull out of the island.

And he indicated that the role
of the Cuban exiles is diminish-
ing.

"There's some question about
whether the future government
of Cuba is going to be drawn
from the exile ranks," he said.

Dulles now is in private law
practice and is a member of the
Presidential commission investi-
gating the assassination of Pres-
ident Kennedy.

He would give no preview of
what the commission's ultimate
report might say or when it
might be forthcoming, but he
hinted that some new facts may
be made public when the report
does appear.

"The 15 lawyers and seven
commission members haven't
been working for several
months doing nothing," he said.

Dulles, who long has been ac-
tive in U.S. diplomacy and in-
volved in its intelligence activi-
ties, said he was certain Defense
Secretary Robert S. McNamara's estimate of U.S. missile
superiority over Russia is ac-
curate.

"Our intelligence in that field
is very accurate," he said.

In his talk in the Center The-
ater Friday night, Dulles warned
the United States must never re-
lax its guard in dealings with
the Communist world.

"We should be realistic" and
recognize that Soviet policy is
to "bury us through preaching
coexistence and practicing the
art of revolution," he said.

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He said the Communist na-
tions will not abandon their
goal of world revolution "until
by evolution, peaceful change or
otherwise, the Communist sys-
tem breaks down."

One way to break it down is
to keep the channels of nego-
tiation and cultural and scien-
tific exchange open, so that "we
may open avenues for encour-
aging a fundamental change in
their society."

At any rate, he said, U.S.
policy should be consistently re-
alistic in its assessment of Com-
munist intentions "and not alter
our lines of conduct) every-
time (the Communists) choose
to smile or change again when
they frown."

He cited instance after in-
stance in which the Soviet Union
has broken agreements and he
insisted that no agreement should
be made without practical means
of enforcement.

"Today we are in a position
to negotiate from strength and
not from weakness," he said.

"Relying on the fundamental
fact that our free system of life
is basically superior to that of
the Communist system," he said,
"we should seek a peaceful con-
tact with communism in
all fields."